

**CRAWFORDSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

MINUTES

I. Roll Call

Present: Steve McLaughlin, Kent Minnette, Susan Albrecht, Kathy Brown, Rex Ryker, Brent Bokhart, Andrew Nicodemus, Tina McGrady, Jene Anne Pendleton, Mike Pendleton, Jonathan Tebbe, Danny Wills, Campbell Mason, Kylie McFarland, Leann Parrish, Daniel Petrie, Amber Rohr, Andrew Swank, Ian Hurt, Aaron Hurt, Kristi Strickland, Stephanie Wilkinson

Absent: Monte Thompson

II. CHARACTER COUNTS!SM Corporation - *Pillar of Citizenship*

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Spotlight on Excellence

Campbell Mason - The Montgomery County Community Foundation officials announced that Campbell Mason has been named the 2024 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar for Montgomery County. He is a senior at Crawfordsville High School and the son of Keith and Rebekah Mason. Each Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship provides for full tuition, required fees and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and required equipment for four years. The scholarship is for undergraduate students studying on a full-time basis leading to a baccalaureate degree at any eligible Indiana public or private nonprofit college or university.

Kristi Strickland - Editor, creator, organizer, of the Athenian Oracle each month. The Oracle has grown rapidly over the months and we are proud to share our staff and student accomplishments with our community. We want to thank her for her excellence in the ongoing efforts of making Crawfordsville Schools look fantastic.

V. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes, Board of Finance Minutes, Construction Accounts Payable Voucher, Payroll Claims Vouchers, Register of Accounts Payable Voucher, and Surplus Items

Kent Minnette made a motion to approve seconded by Kathy Brown. Vote 4-0

VI. Building Principal Report - Jennifer Hall, Principal, Hose Elementary

VII. New Business

- a. Consider CHS Band Trip to Charleston, South Carolina - Jon Tebbe, Band Director. Students, Danny Wills and Ian Hurt, presented information for the proposed trip to Charleston, South Carolina during Fall Break 2024. The trip will occur October 19-22, 2024. Cville Band will perform Wednesday, October 21st on the flight deck at Patriots Point. Each day will consist of different activities from educational to tourist locations. The total cost per student is \$1,100. There are 47 interested students and 20 adults. Band Boosters are utilizing fundraisers to help students financially afford this trip.

Susan Albrecht made a motion to approve seconded by Kathy Brown. Vote 4-0

- b. Consider Distribution of Early Literacy Achievement Grant Funds
It recommended the Board approve the distribution of Early Literacy Achievement Grant funds equally to teachers and instructional coaches responsible for implementing and delivering literacy and reading instruction K-3 during the 2023-23 school year and who are currently employed.

Kent Minnette made a motion to approve seconded by Kathy Brown. Vote 4-0

- c. Consider Transportation Handbook

Kathy Brown made a motion to approve seconded by Kent Minnette. Vote 4-0

- d. Consider West Central Career & Technical Education addendum to the Joint Services Agreement – Homeschool Students in CTE programs

Kathy Brown made a motion to approve seconded by Kent Minnette. Vote 4-0

- e. Consider 2025-2026 School Calendar- Tabled until March Meeting
- f. Consider Athens Virtual Academy Student Handbook

Kent Minnette made a motion to approve seconded by Kathy Brown. Vote 4-0

VIII. Personnel

- a. Consider Samantha Cotten Resignation - Student and Stakeholder Engagement Specialist for CTE
- b. Consider Lindsey Joern Resignation - WCISSC School Psychologist
- c. Consider John Wentland Retirement - CHS Biology Teacher
- d. Consider Kerri Warner Retirement - Nicholson ELL Teacher
- e. Consider Kim Lawson Retirement - Nicholson 3rd Grade Teacher
- f. Consider Claudia Toyotome Retirement - Nicholson Special Education Teacher

Susan Albrecht made a motion to approve seconded by Kathy Brown. Vote 4-0

- g. Recommend Ariadna Eufrazio - EL Assistant at Nicholson
- h. Recommend Maria Angulo - EL Assistant at CMS
- i. Recommend Donna Harrison - Evaluation Assistant
- j. Recommend Cathie Abston - Adult Ed ELL Teacher
- k. Recommend Jeremiah Alston - Aide at Hoover
- l. Recommend Paige Jennings - Nicholson Special Education Assistant

Kathy Brown made a motion to approve seconded by Kent Minnette. Vote 4-0

X. Assistant Superintendent Report - Dr. Brent Bokhart

- a. School Safety

1. We have recently engaged in conversations with K-12 ALICE for our school safety training and emergency threat response. We currently utilize practices from the i love u guys foundation. Overall, the safety protocols of ALICE are very similar to what we currently use. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. Officer Villalpando, Amber Reed, and I recently attended a demo with ALICE for further information. ALICE would also align with county emergency threat training, which would help emergency response teams be aware of our protocols if emergency response is needed.
2. We also recently engaged in discussions with local dispatch on partnering for a pilot for what is called First Alert. They received a grant to implement a pilot with a school in the county, and they reached out to partner with Crawfordsville High School. It is a program that allows teachers in the classrooms to have a mobile app that allows with the touch of a button for 911 to be alerted of an emergency. Location and type of emergency is sent to 911 response as well. Lebanon High School recently implemented this technology as well. It's always a goal to be proactive with school safety and we are looking forward to learning the potential of this tool with our local agencies.

- b. Professional Development

1. A team of principals and teachers recently attended the High Reliability Schools Summit in San Antonio. It was a great learning experience and both principals

and teachers felt the impact of the sessions attended both in affirmation of things we are doing, as well as things we need to continue to look at as goals for growth. Principals and teachers will be able to take what they learned and add to our foundation of leading High Reliability Schools.

XI. Superintendent Report- Dr. Rex Ryker

- a. Count Day - we are up to 29 students. We are down at CHS due to 15 mid-year graduations. [Historical numbers.](#)

Grade	23-24 Fall	23-24 Spring	Δ	Bldg Δ
K	164	169	5	7
1	200	202	2	
2	176	179	3	8
3	168	173	5	
4	182	185	3	4
5	175	176	1	
6	195	200	5	13
7	197	199	2	
8	164	170	6	
9	202	207	5	-3
10	173	175	2	
11	175	181	6	
12	154	137	-17	
13	0	1	1	
Total	2325	2354	29	

b. Preschool and Virtual School Registration Updates

1. Number of preschool registrations = almost filled in the initial round. Virtual is preparing for registration. Approval from DOE to start advertising.

c. Acceptance into the Indiana Literacy Cadre

1. Develops and implements collaborative professional development for K-3 educators based on the science of reading. This includes a 2-year model with intensive summer training and ongoing professional development for Administrators and Literacy Coaches.
2. Provides funding for a Literacy Coach at Hose & Nicholson (2/3 salary in year 1, 1/3 salary in year 2)
3. This will assist us in planning and implementing a curriculum based on the Science of Reading, which will, in turn, help improve student performance.

d. Employer Childcare plans progressing

1. We are working with Gary Isenberg on the design and remodel of spaces in Willson Preschool to provide infant and toddler care for our employees. The funding for this exceptional opportunity is provided through the FSSA Employer Childcare grant that we were awarded. We will currently provide care for 27 staff children, including 8 infants, 10 toddlers, and 9 preschool students. The grant provides funding covering almost all of our construction costs, furniture purchases, and first year of salaries and benefits.

- e. Administration building bid opening
 - 1. Early today, we had the bid opening for our administration building...

- f. Counselor Appreciation Week
 - 1. I am grateful for the invaluable contributions of our school counselors. Their unwavering dedication to the well-being and success of our students is immeasurable. From offering guidance and support to fostering inclusivity and promoting academic achievement, our counselors exemplify the Athenian Way through their caring and excellence in service. I extend my deepest appreciation to each and every one of them for their exceptional service to our school community.

XII. Other

XIII. Board Members Communication

Kent Minnette gave an A+ to Alexander the Athenian
Steve McLaughlin presented an envelope to the board from CMS students with thank you notes from students and staff.

XIV. Patron Comments

XV. Adjournment

Steve McLaughlin called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Kathy Brown made the motion seconded by Kent Minnette. Vote 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:31pm

Patron's Comments are limited to 3 minutes per spokesperson for a total of 30 minutes.

The meeting site is fully accessible. Any person requiring further accommodation should contact the Superintendent at the School Corporation's central office.